

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, March 10, 2003

SENATE

Executive Communications:

EC-1455. A communication from the *Director, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debarments and Suspensions of Health Care Providers from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program"* received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1456. A communication from the *Director, Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 576, title 5, code of Federal Regulations, Voluntary Separations Incentive Payments (3206-AJ76)"* received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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EC-1473. A communication from the *Deputy Associate Attorney General and White House Liaison, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General*, received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1474. A communication from the *Deputy Associate Attorney General and White House Liaison, United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination withdrawn for the position of United States Parole Commissioner*, received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1475. A communication from the *Deputy Associate Attorney General and White House Liaison, United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination withdrawn for the position of United States Parole Commissioner*, received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1478. A communication from the *Deputy Associate Attorney General and White House Liaison, Office of The Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Associate Attorney General*, received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1479. A communication from the *Deputy Associate Attorney General and White House Liaison, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination confirmed for the position of Director*, received on March 3, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Nomination Considered:

Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

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S. 3 - Partial Birth Abortion Ban:

Senate began consideration of S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

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"...How low have we sunk that we cannot make an exception for the health of a woman? Pretty low. Pretty low. When I started this debate, I made the point that there is no such thing as partial-birth abortion. It is a phrase that is used by the proponents of this bill in order to essentially make abortion illegal one procedure at a time. Every one of my friends who is on the floor time and time again, if you ask them, they will be honest and they will say they don't like Roe v. Wade; they don't think abortion should be legal; it ought to be criminalized. This is the way they are going--one procedure at a time. By the way, if you read the Supreme Court case--put up the chart that shows what the Court said. We are talking about more than one procedure banned, although our friends will tell you it is one procedure. Look at what the case says..." (Boxer, page S 3392)

"...Quite candidly, listening to my colleague from California, I almost get the impression that partial-birth abortion does not exist in this country or that no one could really define it or even know it when it exists. That is not true. The fact is that people know what it is. They know it takes place. It is counted, at least in one State. There are providers who say: I provide partial-birth abortion. So it is defined, and it is defined very specifically in this bill. Senator Santorum has worked very hard to have a definition that is a precise definition, and I might say that it is a more precise definition, a better definition, a definition that conforms to what the Supreme Court has said, a better definition than the previous bill taken up on the Senate floor. It is taking into consideration what the Supreme Court has said..." (DeWine, page S 3393)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX.44), Gregory L. Frost, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

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*"... This will be the 105th confirmation of a lifetime Federal judicial appointment by President George W. Bush, the fifth so far this year. He is also the second District Court nominee confirmed for Ohio this year, following the confirmation of Judge Adams to the District Court for the Northern District last month, and the third within the last year. Last May, the Senate also confirmed Judge Thomas Rose to the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. **With the confirmation of Judge Frost, we will have filled all of the vacancies on the Federal trial courts in Ohio...**" (Leahy, page S 3389)*

Remarks:

Problems With the Death Penalty.

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HOUSE

Executive Communications:

EC-1003. A letter from the *Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule--Terrorism Risk Insurance Program* (RIN: 1505-AA96) received February 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1017. A letter from the *Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule-- Debarments and Suspensions of Health Care Providers From the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program* (RIN: 3206-AD76) received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled "*Emerging Threats: Assessing Public Safety and Security Measures at Nuclear Power Facilities.*"

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Committee Meetings for Tuesday, March 11, 2003:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "*Workforce Investment and Rehabilitation Acts: Improving Services and Empowering Individuals.*" 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "*Progress Since 9/11: The Effectiveness of U.S. Anti-Terrorist Financing Efforts.*" 2128 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing and mark up of the following bills: **H.R. 1104**, *Child Abduction Prevention Act*; and **H.R. 1161**, *Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act.* 2141 Rayburn.

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Next SENATE MEETING: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Next HOUSE MEETING: 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos